

# Assignment TV

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HOLLYWOOD — Of all of television's make-believe families, none was more carefully put together than the one for the Loretta Young Show four seasons ago. Miss Young is a beauty and she has taste. She also runs her own show, so it was inevitable that the seven children in her TV nest would be fresh and attractive — and they were. Also they looked reasonably enough like the actress to have actually been hers. It was the most memorable thing about the series.

When the time came, it was almost a crime to break up such a nice group. Where did they all go? During the past four years I haven't lost any sleep over this question, but I had it partially answered recently at Universal Studios, where the streets are paved in gold and no one ever grows old. Except the audience.

On the set for "Ironside," a Universal film being made for NBC's "World Premiere" project, I ran across Dirk Rambo, who was one of Miss Young's twins. He is now a husky 24 and old enough to play badmen. In "Ironside," which stars Raymond Burr as San Francisco's Chief of Detectives, Rambo becomes involved with a bad girl who does him in before the final curtain. He was shooting the last scene.

## Agreement Draws Fire From Chace

County Supervisor Burton W. Chace has charged that county approval of a joint powers agreement for a Los Angeles City Convention Center is "a conflict of interests and a bad precedent."

Chace made the statement after the Board of Supervisors voted 3-2 to approve the joint powers agreement. "Major cities in my district which independently developed their own convention facilities are concerned that this agreement would be a conflict of interest," Chace said.

"I AGREE with them that we should not use the county's prestige and credit to help the city of Los Angeles develop a convention center which would compete with facilities in the outlying cities."

"I also believe the proposed Los Angeles Convention Center will compete with the Sports Arena," Chace said.

In another hour I'd have been dead and we'd never have met," said Rambo with a wide grin. "On a recent 'Virginian' it was even worse. I played a young boy who fell in love with Terry Moore. She worked in a gambling joint. Her boy friend stabbed me before the second commercial!"

RAMBO HAS very little to worry about, however, because he is one of the young performers recently put under contract by Universal in a talent project that will undoubtedly pay off in tomorrow's stars. If his acting ability matches his looks, he can't miss.

Although you'd never guess it, Rambo is a farm boy. He was raised on his parents' cotton ranch in Earlimart, Calif. "That's near Delano and Delano's near Bakersfield. Sure, it's a real ranch and my brother and I did the chores — milking, and all the rest. I think at first my parents had hoped we would stay with ranching, but now they're quite happy we're in show business."

Although the name Dirk Rambo sounds like a phony, it's his real name. It was shortened from Rambeau over a generation ago.

Rambo was "discovered" in the great Hollywood fan magazine manner — but not at Schwab's Drug Store. He was discovered in church. To my knowledge no other film star can make a similar claim.

"My brother and I had been going to the same church for a long while and one morning after mass an attractive lady came over and introduced herself. It was Loretta Young. She said she was starting a new television show and that she had noticed us in church for several weeks and would we audition for her? Well, now—WOULD we! We would, and suddenly we were actors.

"IN THE original story the twins were younger, but they aged them to 17 for the series. I remember one review. It said: 'Television has launched two more Ricky Nelsons.' The series lasted one season and before I could become a 'has-been' I went into the army. Now I'm out and starting my first comeback!"

Rambo's brother Norman will be one of the regulars in the cast of Walter Brennan's new series, "The Legend of Will Sonnet," which is being readied for next season. Miss Young is contentedly sitting on the sidelines.

The family that prays together doesn't always stay together.

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